

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A beverage container, comprising:
2 a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;
5 a cooling element that is configured to be coupled to the vessel and to fit
6 within the cavity; and
7 a base comprising a bottom member and a stem extending vertically upward
8 from the bottom member, wherein the base includes a connector that is configured to be
9 coupled to the cooling element.
- 1 2. A container as in claim 1, wherein the connector comprises a threaded
2 end on the stem, wherein the cooling element includes a threaded section, and wherein the
3 threaded end on the stem is configured to be screwed into the threaded section of the cooling
4 element.
- 1 3. A container as in claim 2, wherein the threaded section of the cooling
2 element has threads, and wherein an angle defined by the threads is about 65 degrees to about
3 75 degrees.
- 1 4. A container as in claim 2, wherein the cooling element also includes a
2 threaded section, wherein the vessel includes a threaded section at the bottom end, and
3 wherein the threaded section of the cooling element is configured to be screwed into the
4 threaded section of the vessel.
- 1 5. A container as in claim 4, wherein the threaded section of the cooling
2 element has threads, and wherein an angle defined by the threads is about 45 degrees to about
3 90 degrees.
- 1 6. A container as in claim 4, wherein the base and the vessel are
2 constructed of glass, and wherein the cooling element is constructed of a material that is
3 different from glass.
- 1 7. A container as in claim 6, wherein the cooling element is constructed
2 of an acrylic.

1 8. A container as in claim 7, wherein the acrylic has a durometer of about
2 30 to about 40.

1 9. A container as in claim 1, wherein the base and the vessel are
2 constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of glass, plastics and acrylics.

1 10. A container as in claim 1, wherein the vessel has a shape selected from
2 a group consisting of a mug, a regular wine glass, a red wine glass, a white wine glass, a
3 martini glass, a tumbler, a stein glass, a margarita glass, a brandy snifter, a water glass, a beer
4 glass and a champagne glass.

1 11. A container as in claim 2, wherein the cooling element has a bottom
2 end and a top end, and wherein the bottom end tapers inward and mates with a mating taper
3 on the base.

1 12. A container as in claim 11, wherein the top end of the cooling element
2 is generally hemispherical in geometry.

1 13. A container as in claim 12, wherein the bottom end of the vessel
2 includes a generally hemispherical surface that partially defines the interior of the vessel.

1 14. A beverage container kit comprising:
2 a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;
5 a cooling element that is configured to be coupled to the vessel and to fit
6 within the cavity;
7 a base comprising a bottom member and a stem extending vertically upward
8 from the bottom member, wherein the base includes a connector that is configured to be
9 coupled to the cooling element; and
10 a tray having a plurality of holding regions for holding cooling elements,
11 whereby the tray may be placed in a freezer to cool the cooling elements.

1 15. A kit as in claim 14, wherein the tray includes a plurality of recesses
2 integrally formed in the tray to define the holding regions.

1 16. A kit as in claim 15, wherein the recesses are in a shape selected from
2 a group consisting of semi-cylindrical, ice cube shaped, pyramidal and semi-spherical.

1 17. A kit as in claim 14, wherein the base further comprises a bottom
2 member and a stem extending vertically upward from the bottom member.

1 18. A kit as in claim 17, wherein the connector comprises a threaded end
2 on the stem, wherein the cooling element includes a threaded section, and wherein the
3 threaded end on the stem is configured to be screwed into the threaded section of the cooling
4 element.

1 19. A kit as in claim 18, wherein the cooling element also includes a
2 threaded section, wherein the vessel includes a threaded section at the bottom end, and
3 wherein the threaded section of the cooling element is configured to be screwed into the
4 threaded section of the vessel.